

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Thomas LECUPPE and Beatrice BOURIOT  
Serial No: Not Yet Assigned (Continuation of International Application No.  
PCT/IB02/00179 filed January 22, 2002, claiming priority of French  
Appln. No. 0100973, filed January 23, 2001)  
Filed: on even date herewith  
For: **PART FOR SUPPORTING AND FIXING AN ELECTRICAL  
OR ELECTRONIC COMPONENT**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

BOX FEE AMENDMENT  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the calculation of fees and the examination of the above-identified application,  
kindly amend the application as follows:

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